



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

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Family Time

It has been amazing to hear about all of the wonderful things our amazing families have been getting up to whilst we are in lockdown and staying at home to help beat the Coronavirus Crisis. Not only have the children been completing their school work and simply enjoying some quality family time, they have also been developing a whole range of lifelong skills at home such as baking, learning how to make a cup of tea, painting garden furniture and learning to ride a bike. Some children have even been on holiday in their garden!



**STAY SAFE EVERYONE &
TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER**

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to share what you have been up to or if you need anything at all:

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Coronavirus - A Book for Children

'Coronavirus - A Book for Children' is a free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler:

<https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus-A-Book-for-Children.pdf>

Axel Scheffler has illustrated a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. Published by Nosy Crow, and written by staff within the company, the book has had expert input: Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, and the company also had advice from two head teachers and a child psychologist.

The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds:

- What is the coronavirus?
- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

This book is accessible to every child and is offered totally free of charge to anyone who wants to read it.

Updated Handwashing Advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

The latest guidance & video on hand washing can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The e-Bug project is led by Public Health England and has a dedicated webpage for learning resources on hand washing and respiratory hygiene.

Resources are currently available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 and can be used in various settings including schools and at home:

- <https://e-bug.eu/>

Whole School Topic Ideas for September 2020

As you know, we always begin the new academic year with an engaging and enjoyable Whole School Topic.

Our first shared topic was all about owls and it was a real 'hoot'! The children enjoyed a visit from Fixters Falconry, finding out facts about owls, reading owl stories and poems and creating owl pictures and models.



The following year, the whole school thoroughly enjoyed a visit from StarLincs Planetarium where they experienced the night sky and found out some amazing facts about the solar system. As a result of that visit, the children produced some fantastic work including 3D Planetariums, space adventure stories and space fact posters.



Our next whole school topic was all about dinosaurs which started with the children discovering a large nest and speckled egg on the playground, followed by a dinosaur workshop and a visit from Jack and Millie the dinosaurs! It was a truly dynamic and interactive learning experience for the whole school.



Our last whole school topic was 'When I Grow Up...' Both staff and pupils found it fascinating learning about a wide range of careers!



We would like your ideas for our September 2020 Whole School Topic so if you have any thoughts about a topic we could all enjoy learning about then please share them by emailing Mrs Brockington. It needs to be appealing, inspiring and engaging to the whole school so get thinking!

Spread Hope, Kindness & Love

Despite facing the COVID-19 pandemic and being isolated at home, people around the world are coming together to spread hope, kindness and love by decorating windows and pavements with rainbows and hearts. Mrs Brockington & Mrs Palmer have already decorated their windows and the Linforth's have created a lovely rainbow to cheer up those around them.

If anyone else has created anything similar please send your photos to me for next week's newsletter. If you have not shared love, hope and kindness yet then why not get creative this week! Enjoy!



Free School Meals

The Department for Education (DfE) has developed a centrally-funded national voucher scheme to support with providing Free School Meals. Families who are currently eligible for Free School Meals should receive supermarket vouchers during term time to use to support you in providing nutritious meals during the Coronavirus Crisis.

If your circumstances have changed due to the Coronavirus Crisis and you think that your child might be eligible for free school meals please visit the following website to apply:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

If you have any questions or concerns about this please do not hesitate to email Mrs Brockington or Mrs Madge.

School Reports

As Parents Evening was cancelled in March and we are unsure when we will return to school, we have decided to get the children's end of year School Reports completed earlier than usual. Teachers will be busy writing reports over the next few weeks and they will be sent out to you via email on Friday 22nd May 2020.

However if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress then please do not hesitate to contact us anytime.